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EDITORIAL

The news of the NYA's dismissal of the evacuees, including some 40 Rivers boys and three girls, is an unpleasant shock to us following the build up and the hopes we had vested in it. It was undoubtedly a severe blow to the enrollees. Yet we must try to understand this new setback.

The NYA is a creation of the Federal Government to help youths just out of school to learn vocational skills and to aid in giving further education during the height of depression. It is without question one of the federal agencies whose existence was an evidence of a healthy trend in America's social development.

But it is another one of the fine New Deal agencies whose survival is threatened under the guise of war-time necessity. A appropriation bill is now before the Congress, and if the Congress should fail to appropriate for the next fiscal year, it like us, will become a war-time casualty. Almost anything which may jeopardize its existence has necessarily become taboo to it. The hostile attitude of some of the Congressmen to the NYA can become a red-hot hatred should the NYA become known as a retraining school for the evacuees. Thus, it is that we can understand the "raw deal" as it reacted on us. In times such as these we must extend our sympathies to other unpopular causes, in order that we may understand ourselves the better--and in order that we can expect others to understand us.

The WRA which in all good faith had undertaken this program with the NYA is doing its uttermost to see that the dismissed students are given a good

BENNETT FINDS RELOCATION OUTLOOK FOR ISSEI GOOD

Returning very much encouraged with the resettlement outlook after a week's conference of WRA project directors in Washington, D.C., Project Director L. H. Bennett declared yesterday that he would divert more of his efforts towards the relocation program.

On his way back to Gila, Bennett conferred with relocation supervisors Harold Fistere in the Cleveland, Ohio, office and Elmer Shirrell of the Chicago, Illinois, office.

BUTTE

NO SHOWERS AFTER 6 P.M.

Project Director Leroy H. Bennett asks residents to refrain from using water for showers after six o'clock tonight and requests them not to water gardens or lawns with tap water this afternoon or tonight.

Tonight after nine, the well which furnishes water to Butte will be out of service for 10 to 14 hours to complete the connection of a new well to the water pipes. Bennett stressed the necessity to conserve water for use in the hospital, for cooking purposes, and in eventuality of a fire.

The conservation is necessary this afternoon and evening to build up a reserve to last during the hours the pump will be out of service. Particularly noted was the fire hazard. A small blaze, helped by the wind, might spread through the entire community if there were no water reserve, Bennett said.

break. Some students have indicated a desire to return, but this step would be an extremely unwise one. Having made the break with the centers, they should, and they can, if they have the same determination which prompted them to go to the schools, make a go of it on the outside either in another form of a retraining program or on a resettlement job.

In both cities, there were ten jobs to every evacuee interested, he said. Both supervisors showed concern over a few of the more youthful evacuees who apparently were out for a good time and were not seriously interested in the future they must build.

Bennett indicated that some method for sending out the more serious-minded youths first must be worked out to break the ground for others. The demand for issei and other more mature residents is greater than for the younger ones.

A rearrangement of the employment status in the center is imminent, he said. A representative of the WRA employment office in Washington has almost completed a thorough analysis of the job situation in the center. It was expected that the rearrangement will be based on the data collected.

ORATORICAL

YBA Contest Tomorrow

First Butte oratorical contest sponsored by the YBA will see four enviable trophies presented tomorrow evening, when eight speakers will vie in the contest at Temple 63.

Sachiko Wada, Machiye Nakamura, Michiko Nishiura are competing in the English. Kazuo Yamamoto, Yoshiaki Tamura, Thomas Kageyama, Genzo Ishinari, and Isamu Suzuki will speak in the Japanese division.